

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Vice-Chair Robert Jones called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Dean, Griffin, Sheltrown, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Knollenberg, Meltzer (13/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Meisner, Accavitti, Coulouris, Johnson, Stakoe, Rick Jones (6/19)

The **Vice-Chair** announced that House TV is filming today's meeting and that cell phone ringers should be turned off. He also asked the members to leave their laptops powered on at the end of the meeting, as another committee is scheduled to meet in the room after we adjourn.

Representative Sheltrown moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on February 13, 2007. Hearing no objection, **the motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

A joint presentation on innovative and collaborative efforts to foster the development of life science companies in the City of Kalamazoo was given by:

Ron Kitchens, CEO of Southwest Michigan First, Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Dr. Douglas Morton, Ph.D., CEO of PharmMor Consulting, LLC;

Dean Knuth, President and CEO of Jasper Clinic, Kalamazoo, Michigan; and

Chris Schauer, CEO of PharmOptima, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Questions and discussion followed, with closing remarks being made by the **Vice-Chair**.

A copy of PowerPoint slides pertaining to the presentation was submitted. A sheet listing the biographies of the presenters was also submitted.

Representative Huizenga moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Vice-Chair Robert Jones** excused **Representatives Meisner, Accavitti, Coulouris, Johnson, Stakoe and Rick Jones**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Vice-Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:19 a.m.**

Representative Robert Jones, Vice-Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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